

MDR Tracking Number: M4-04-2011-01

Under the provisions of Section 413.031 of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Title 5, Subtitle A of the Texas Labor Code, effective June 17, 2001 and Commission Rule 133.305, titled Medical Dispute Resolution-General, and 133.307, titled Medical Dispute Resolution of a Medical Fee Dispute, a review was conducted by the Division regarding a medical fee dispute between the requestor and the respondent named above. This dispute was received on 10/10/03.

I. DISPUTE

Whether there should be additional reimbursement for CPT code 64721 for date of service 7/31/03.

II. RATIONALE

The Requestor billed \$850.00 for CPT code 64721. The Carrier reimbursed \$425.00 and denied additional reimbursement as "F – Fee Guidelines MAR Reduction". The procedure in dispute was the secondary procedure performed. Two separate sites and two separate incisions were involved. The primary procedure was performed on the medial elbow and the secondary procedure was performed on the volar wrist requiring two separate incisions. According to the 1996 Medical Fee Guideline, Surgery Ground Rule (I.)(D)(1)(c), "Secondary or subsequent procedures performed in remote areas that are unrelated to the primary procedure and requiring additional preparation shall be reimbursed at the lesser of the provider's usual and customary fee or 100% of the MAR." On this basis, additional reimbursement of \$425.00 is recommended.

III. DECISION & ORDER

Based upon the review of the disputed healthcare services within this request, the Division has determined that the requestor **is** entitled to reimbursement for CPT code 64721 in the amount of **\$425.00**. Pursuant to Sections 402.042, 413.016, 413.031, and 413.019 the Division hereby **ORDERS** the Respondent to remit **\$425.00** plus all accrued interest due at the time of payment to the Requestor within 20 days receipt of this Order.

The above Decision and Order is hereby issued this 27th day of January 2005.

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